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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed August, 2, 2004, the Applicants respectfully submit this paper comprising the following parts:

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Applicant notes that the Transmittal to which this paper is attached includes a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R §1.8; and a fee statement calculating any fee(s) presently due in connection with the filing of this paper, along with an authorization to charge any fee deficiency to the deposit account of Applicant's assignee, Visteon Global Technologies, Inc., Deposit Account No. 06-1500.